

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA
INDIANAPOLIS DIVISION

KEANDRE ARNOLD,)	
)	
Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	No. 1:19-cv-03820-JPH-TAB
)	
LESLIE GOODMAN, et al.)	
)	
Defendants.)	

ENTRY ON MOTION FOR CHANGE OF JUDGE

The plaintiff's motion for change of judge, filed on September 25, 2020, has been considered.

"When a judge decides a contested issue, whether correctly or not, at least one side will be disappointed." *Thomas v. Reese*, 787 F.3d 845, 849 (7th Cir. 2015). "Adverse rulings do not constitute evidence of judicial bias." Under 28 U.S.C. § 455(a), a federal judge must disqualify himself in any proceeding in which his "impartiality might reasonably be questioned." *Matter of Hatcher*, 150 F.3d 631, 637 (7th Cir. 1998). "The standard in any case for a § 455(a) recusal is whether the judge's impartiality could be questioned by a reasonable, well-informed observer." *Id.* In *Hook v. McDade*, 89 F.3d 350, 354 (7th Cir. 1996), the court stated that § 455(a) "asks whether a reasonable person perceives a significant risk that the judge will resolve the case on a basis other than the merits. This is an objective inquiry." *Id.* (quoting *In re Mason*, 916 F.2d 384, 385-86 (7th Cir. 1990)).

Judicial rulings, routine trial administration efforts, and ordinary admonishments are not grounds for recusal. *See Liteky v. United States*, 510 U.S. 540, 545 (1994). The plaintiff seeks the recusal of the undersigned because he disagrees with some rulings in this action. As explained, the

plaintiff's dissatisfaction with prior rulings by the undersigned is not evidence of bias, nor is it otherwise a valid basis for a change of judge. Therefore, the plaintiff's motion for change of judge, dkt. [79], is **denied**.

SO ORDERED.

Date: 10/2/2020



James Patrick Hanlon
United States District Judge
Southern District of Indiana

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